WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES JANUARY 27, 2022

AN EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES AT 5001 MACCORKLE AVENUE, SOUTH CHARLESTON WV 25309, ON JANUARY 27, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TARA HULSEY, PHD, RN, CNE, FAAN, PRESIDENT

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC,

NANCY V. ATKINS, MSN, APRN, WHNP-BC

JOHN MARTIN, PUBLIC MEMBER

L. ANN BOSTIC, DNP, APRN, CRNA, PMHNP-BC

THERESA L. DENNISON, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DORIS BURKEY, DNP, APRN FNP-BC

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHAEL D. PAYNE, Esq. GENERAL COUNSEL

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, DIRECOTR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

ROBIN A. LEWIS, ED D, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, DIRECTOR OF PRACTICE AND EDUCATION

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:30 pm.

2. QUORUM

2. A quorum was established.

3. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

3. The Board reviewed the agenda. Teresa Ritchie made a motion to accept the agenda. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO §19-3.7. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT.

- **4.** Teresa Ritchie made a motion to approve the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) amend Rule 19-3.7.2. as follows:
 - 7.2.a. A complete endorsement application shall be on file in the board office prior to the issuance of a temporary permit including the endorsement application fee. Applicants shall submit to a state and national electronic criminal history records check for the purpose of determining whether the applicant has been charged with, indicted for, or convicted of a crime that may have bearing upon the applicant's fitness to hold a license. To allow nurses to begin practicing immediately applicants, are given 60 days from the date of application to complete their criminal background check. Failure to complete the criminal history records check with in 60 days, without good cause shown, will result in a termination of the temporary permit.
 - 7.2.c. The temporary permit expires ninety (90) days from the last day of the state of Emergency declared by Governor Jim Justice on March 16, 2020, the date of issuance and the expiration date shall be printed on the temporary permit.
 - 7.2.e. A temporary permit is not renewable, and the board shall not extend <u>past</u> the initial ninety (90) days <u>from the last day of the State of Emergency</u>.
 - 7.2.i. A temporary permit becomes void during the ninety (90) days if the board determines upon satisfactory proof, that it will deny the applicant full licensure for any of the causes set forth in West Virginia Code §30-7-6. Remainder of this section remains the same.

Nancy Atkins offered the second. The motion carried.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OR HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Nancy Atkins made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session. John Martin offered the second. The motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session.

Tara Hulsey, Board President, announced that in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 4(2)(A), of the Code of West Virginia, Executive Sessions may be held by governmental agencies to consider matters. All motions arising from the discussion during the Executive Session shall be made and voted on in an open meeting immediately following an Executive Session.

- 6. PUBLIC SESSION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF HEARING TRANSCRIPT AND HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS
- 6. Teresa Ritchie made a motion for the Board to end the Executive Session and return to Public Session. Theresa Dennison offered the second. The motion passed and the Board reentered Public Session.
 - 7. PUBLIC SESSION FOR MOTIONS RELATED TO MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
 - a. INNOVATION REQUEST
- **7.a.** The Executive Director reported that she met with representatives from the Governor's Office related to innovation ideas to assist with nurse recruitment. Board member discussed forwarding ideas to the Executive Director to support and develop the plan.
 - 8. MISCELLANEOUS
- **8.** There was no discussion under this topic.

9. ADJORN

9. With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Bostic. The motion was seconded by Theresa Dennison. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by

Margaret E. Alston

Director of Finance and Operations

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Ritchie, DNP, APRN FNP-BC Board Secretary